Teachers of the Vernacular Branch of the Education Department.

420. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued final orders deciding the rank of the teachers of the Vernacular branch of the Education Department, and, if so, the date from which they are being given effect to?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Status of the staff for the Oriental Languages in the Arts College.

421. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state why, in His Highness the Maha Raja's College of Arts, the Oriental languages are treated differently from other subjects of study in respect of the designation, pay and status of the members of the staff teaching those languages?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): From the circumstance that one Professorship had to be split into two. It was also considered that a pay of Rs. 250 was sufficient for the officers who were entrusted with the duties of the bifurcated post.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know why the professorship was split into two?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because there was no single man who could take up the professorship at the time.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I take it that no man was available for the professorship?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, at that time.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is there any person available now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Director of Public Instruction must make enquiries.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Did the Government call for applications at that time for competent men before the professorship was abolished?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, the Government did not call for applications.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the qualification of the person who will be made to fill the post of the professor?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I wish to know how it is a supplementary question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): In answer to my question it is stated that one professorship is split up into two. I want to know why it has been done.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That has been answered.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The answer is that no person was available. So, I wish to know what the qualifications of that person were.

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